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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

Thankfully I live in a community where there are multiple internet service provider options. Having the opportunity to switch providers is a benefit I am fortunate to enjoy. In my particular case, I switched because my existing service was slow and expensive. I now have faster, more reliable, and more secure broadband service at a cheaper price. Because multiple companies are competing for market share, it spurs innovation in marketing, customer service, and other efforts to improve overall satisfaction.

Our elected officials and government agencies routinely celebrate how an open, free market, capitalist economy drives competition and promotes innovation. An attempt by the FCC or any agency to limit the number of competitors in telecommunications or any sector is antithetical to the core open market values of American enterprise.

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